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Dear Joshua,

What a magnificent fellow you are to take time to write me a message about the science medal, which you know well to be a sort of gerontological lottery!

Many thanks for your kind words, also for the copies of the Commentary pieces from Nature, which I will treasure — and study!

The contemporary (1945) picture immediately brings to mind the 18-year old kid in the white sailor suit who was in that summer P. Chem. class at Columbia. ~~And~~ I have often bragged of that. It was a good class; another member was Milton S. Green, who died of cancer in his late fifties after a series of first-rate accomplishments in the statistical mechanics of fluids.

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Rockefeller brings back memories of 1942 also. At that time I was doing some theory to explain some electrophoretic experiments of Lewis Longworth. I guess my closest friend there was Teddy Sheddorsky, through whom I met legendary figures like Landsteiner and Michaelis and promising young guys like Bernie Darns and Vincent Dole. What a marvelous web it all makes!

Please be assured again of my gratitude + pleasure at hearing from you. Sincerely,  
Walter (Stodumyr)

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P.S. Washington incident: the computer had somehow left Khorani's name off the security check list at the White House gate, and he had eventually to be hustled in through the White House kitchens!